**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Part 2 of my question runs thus:

"Are the Government aware that at present such certificates are recorded by the courts in general without taking any depositions or affidavits from the persons signing the certificates regarding their identity" and "the answer is in the negative."

May I know whether, by that answer, it is meant that the Government have no information on the subject?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The High Court have reported as follows:

"Such certificates are not recorded by the Courts in general without taking any depositions or affidavits from the persons signing the certificates regarding their identity."

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it meant that the Courts are in general recording depositions?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the information given by the High Court.

**MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I explain that some cases have come to my knowledge in which it has not been done and there are also other such cases in several places?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, that is not a question which seeks for information.

*Appointment of President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum.*

190. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to Government Order No. G. 4952, dated the 30th August, 1912, *re* the appointment of a President to the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether this G. O. is in force now or whether it has been superseded by any other G. O.

(*b*) whether it is in conformity with the spirit and letter of this G. O. that Mr. Ramachandra Rao, was appointed President of the Trivandrum Municipality;

(*c*) whether Mr. Ramachandra Rao, was in the grade of First Class Tahsildars when he was appointed President of the Trivandrum Municipality;

(*d*) whether the seniormost Tahsildar is not the proper claimant to the place;

(*e*) what was Mr. Ramachandra Rao in the Account Office when he was appointed Municipal President;

(*f*) who is the juniormost Assistant Account Officer in the Account Office at present; and

(*g*) whether there were any applicants to the Presidentship of the Trivandrum Municipality, and, if so, who are they?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The G. O. does not prescribe any absolute or unalterable procedure regarding the appointment of official Presidents to the Trivandrum Municipality nor does it preclude the Government from deviating from it if they consider it necessary in the interests of the Municipality to do so.

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(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).
(*c*) No.
(*d*) No one has a claim to the place.
(*e*) Ag. Assistant Account Officer.
(*f*) Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao.
(*g*) None.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, with reference to answer to part (*a*), whether that particular G. O. referred to is in force or not?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The G. O. may be regarded to be in force in ordinary cases.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it has been superseded by any other G. O.?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not matter, because as explained in the answer it does not prescribe any absolute procedure.

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Without the explanation, may I get an answer to the question whether, the particular G. O. has been superseded?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No other G. O. has been issued.

*Dalavapuram and Chirayinkil-Venjaramud Traces.*

191. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimates called for, for converting the "Dalavapuram Trace" and the "Chirayinkil-Venjaramud Trace" into cart-roads, have been received?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The Dalavapuram trace consists of 3 sections, *viz.*,

(i) from Kollampuzha to Nilakkamukku;
(ii) from Nilakkamukku to Moongode church; and
(iii) from Moongode church to Dalavapuram.

An estimate for Rs. 10,600 has been sanctioned for the second section of the trace and a provision of Rs. 2,000 for the work has been included in the P. W. D. budget for 1103 M. E. The estimates for the other sections are reported to be under preparation.

An estimate for the Chirayinkil-Venjaramud trace, amounting to Rs. 6,000 is reported to be under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer and he has promised to forward it to the Government shortly.

*Expenditure on Public Works in the Chirayinkil Taluk.*

192. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state the total expenditure under the following heads for the years 1099, 1100 and 1101:—

(*a*) for the construction of new roads;

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